



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Public Meetings Scheduled for Southwest Georgia Interstate Study

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation is nearing completion of the “Southwest Georgia Interstate Study” to identify roadway capacity and operational needs to improve Southwest Georgia’s access to I-185, I-75 & I-10. The study includes Baker, Brooks, Calhoun, Chattahoochee, Clay, Colquitt, Cook, Crisp, Decatur, Dooly, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Marion, Miller, Mitchell, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Seminole, Stewart, Sumter, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Turner, Webster, and Worth Counties.

All Meetings will begin promptly at 5 p.m.

Monday, November 2, 2009

Southwest Georgia Technical College - Sewell Building D

15689 US Highway 19 North

Thomasville, GA 31792

Monday, November 9, 2009

Albany State University – L. Orene Hall

504 College Drive

Albany, GA 31705

Thursday, November 12, 2009

Chattahoochee County Middle and High School - Cafeteria

360 Highway 26

Cusseta, GA 31805

To date, the Study Team has collected and analyzed existing traffic and land use data; evaluated future growth trends; developed a “regional travel model” that predicts future travel volumes and needs; evaluated 4 hypothetical new interstate scenarios; and identified potential

improvements related to capacity, operations, corridors, intersections, safety, speed, and signalization.

The third and final round of the Study's public meetings has been scheduled and will present the Study's final recommendations. Each meeting will start with a presentation of the study's summary of findings, including locations where there may be viable investments and details on how they could improve the overall transportation system. After that, an informal open-house style meeting will also provide citizens with a chance to get detailed information and speak with GDOT representatives. "The work completed to date has considered a number of factors to help guide appropriate transportation investments," said Todd Long, Director of Planning. "We encourage the public to take this opportunity to learn more about the recommendations, ask questions, and provide their feedback." The public is invited and encouraged to attend the most convenient meeting as each meeting will cover the same information.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. Georgia is the 3rd fastest-growing state in the nation, yet 49th in per capita spending on transportation. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (www.dot.ga.gov).

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